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INFERTILITY AMONG YOUNG COUPLES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidence of infertility in couples is on the rise;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor alongwith comparative figures in the rural and the urban areas;

(c) whether it is proposed to bring infertility under primary health care;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether CGHS beneficiaries are allowed free treatment for infertility at designated hospitals and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) At present, there is no data on the community based studies indicating incidence and prevalence of infertility in the country. However, according to the estimate of World Health Organisation, there are about 8-15% couples at the global level experiencing some form of infertility during their reproductive lives. According to the recently completed National Family Health Survey (NFHS-III) 10.1% women aged 15-49 years did not have any children.

(c) & (d) Management of infertility is a highly technical field. At the primary health care level counselling, screening and referral are the only components included for addressing the issue of infertility.

(e) & (f) There is no designated hospital for treatment specifically for infertility under CGHS. However, treatment for infertility can be undertaken at any of the government hospital.